

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Sri K. H. PATIL (Gadag).—I call the attention of the Minister for Revenue and Forests regarding shortage of water due to famine condition in three villages of Gadag Taluk.

Sri B. RACHAIAH.—(Minister for Revenue and Forests).—With regard to the calling attention raised by Sri K. H. Patil, I beg to submit the following statement.

The present situation regarding the availability of drinking water in the villages of Hombal, Lingdhal and Thimmapur in Gadag Taluk, Dharwar District, and the measures taken to provide drinking water to the villagers are as under—

Hombal :—The population of Hombal is 5,872.

There are 3 drinking water wells and one drinking water pond in this village. There is no representation from the villagers for supply of drinking water at Government cost as there is not much scarcity of drinking water in this village. The situation does not warrant assistance of Government in this regard. Arrangements for providing drinking water at Government cost therefore have not been made for the present.

Lingdhal :—The population of Lingdhal is 2,281.

There is one drinking water well in this village. The work of repairs to this well has been taken up under Local Development Works Programme during the current year. The villagers are at present using this drinking water well and also the springs in the nalla near the village. The present water supply is not adequate. The Tahasildar Gadag, has proposed to provide drinking water to this village at Government cost by getting water tank wagons at the Railway Station of Balaganur which is at a distance of 4 to 5 miles from this village, as obtaining of water from other sources is not feasible. The Divisional Superintendent, Southern Central Railway, Hubli, has been requested to arrange for the supply of drinking water to the Balaganur Railway Station through Railway Tank wagons. His reply is awaited. The Tahasildar, Gadag, is contacting the Railway Authorities personally. He has also been authorised to make necessary arrangements for transporting the water from Balaganur Railway Station to Lingdhal Village and to distribute it to the villagers every day. The Executive Engineer, Dharwar, has also been requested to spare water tanks and serviceable trucks to the Tahasildar, Gadag.

Thimmapur —The population of Thimmapur is 2,269.

Construction of a drinking water well in this village has been taken up under local Development works programme recently as represented by the villagers and the President, Taluk Development Board, Gadag. The well work is taken up, for execution on a site where

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drinking water is likely to be tapped as suggested by the villagers. The work is in progress. The Tahasildar and the Assistant Commissioner, Gadag, are of opinion that one drinking water well which is now taken up for execution would meet the requirements of the villagers. For the present, the villagers are taking water from the springs specially dug for the purpose along the Nalla beds as usual, and they are stated to be getting adequate drinking water from these sources. There are no other sources near about for providing drinking water to this village at Government cost.

Members' Representation

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Next item is general discussion on the Budget.

SRI S. S. SHETTAR (Hubli).—Sir, I wish to move an adjournment motion regarding the import of 10 electric computer machines and introducing the same in public sector undertakings at the cost of the ex-chequer, and thereby rendering thousands of persons unemployed. Out of 10 computer machines 3 machines are likely to be assigned to Mysore State which will effect nearly 13,000 people and this will have a far-reaching effect on the employment problem of the State.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—This matter does not involve Government responsibility.

SRI S. S. SHETTAR.—The computer machines are going to be installed in the Government factory, where Government is having its major shares.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—This adjournment motion has been disallowed and the fact has been intimated to the member already. It does not involve any responsibility of the Government of Mysore in the matter.

SRI S. S. SHETTAR.—I request that under rule 54 of the Rules of procedure, my notice may be read and the orders of the Speaker, thereon, may also be read, in this House, so that the public may be aware of the issue because this is a problem involving unemployment to about 30,000 people. Therefore, Sir, I suggest that my notice and the orders of the Hon'ble Speaker may be read in accordance with the proviso to Rule 54.

Proviso to Rule 54 is as under :

“Provided that where the Speaker has refused his consent under rule 50 or is of opinion that the matter proposed to be discussed is not in order, he may, if he thinks it necessary, read the notice of motion and state the reasons for refusing consent or holding the motion as not being in order.”